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FARMINGTON HILLS SPORTS SCENE

Impact claims soccer crown

The Farmington II Impact boys soccer team won the under-16½ Division I championship in the Western Suburban Soccer League with a 7-0-1 record.

The team scored 21 goals while allowing only four. The season finale was a 2-0 win at South Lyon, one of five shutouts for goalkeeper Brad Martin.

The other Impact players are Mike Ayres, Dennis Bandemer, John Danbeck, Steve Fero, Adam Garbooshian, Sam Gere, David Ging, Cory Grider, Matt Horn, Sam Jenio, Brian Lettin, Ryan McKelley, Mark Miller, Cory Mosher, Stephen Scario and Joe Zima. The head coach is Joe Miller and the assistant coach Rocky Patel.

Softball season set to start

The Incredible Girls Fast-Pitch Softball League begins its third season of summer competition for area high school players Thursday, July 2.

The season will last six weeks, with the games being played every Thursday and two Tuesdays, July 21 and Aug. 11. An all-star game will conclude the season either Aug. 15 or 20 at a site to be named.

The league has expanded from six teams its first year to eight and now 10. Girls who will be in high school in the fall are eligible.

The holdover teams are the Farmington Hills Diamonds, Farmington Fantasties, Livonia Lasers, Canton Cobras, Salem Shags, Livonia Spitfires, Canton Commanders and Mercy Majestics. The newcomers are the Northville Niners and Farmington Hills Hurricanes.

Games will be played at the North Farmington, Farmington, Livonia Franklin, Plymouth Salem and Northville high school fields. All game dates are doubleheaders starting at 5:30 p.m.

The league is sponsored by Lois and Jim Mackie, owners of Commercial Carpet Corporation.

Koufax team keeps winning

South Farmington won its seventh consecutive game Saturday in the Little Caesars Koufax Baseball League, 7-0 over host Southfield.

Winning pitcher Gary Burch tossed a two-hitter. He struck out four and walked two in seven innings.

South Farmington catcher Joe Kolesynski was 3-for-4 and had two RBI, and center fielder Dennis Manning had two hits and scored two runs.

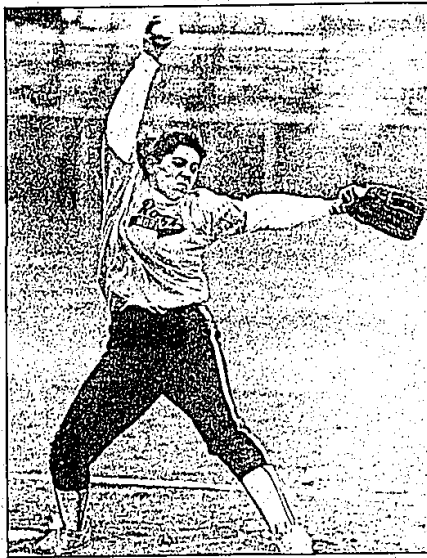
Warner star among stars

Dawn Warner didn't win the Miss Basketball Award, but she did have some satisfaction last weekend by being named the Michigan all-star team's most valuable player in a two-game series against Ohio.

The former Livonia Franklin great, who was runner-up to Flint Powers' Lisa Negri in the Miss Basketball voting last fall, made a record five three-point shots and scored 27 points in a 90-79 loss Saturday in Grand Rapids.

She also had five rebounds, six assists and three steals. Warner, who is headed for Western Kentucky on a scholarship, scored 18 points the night before in a 94-80 loss at Dayton.

All-Area softball



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Softball salute: North Farmington senior Karen Seremet received a second-team berth on the All-Observer softball team. She was the main pitcher for the Raiders and an excellent hitter, too. See Page 4B.

Concealed earns tournament title



Several local players, including Matt Green of Farmington Hills, helped Concealed Security win a baseball tournament Sunday. The team is coached by Lou Pirronello, former South Farmington coach.

The Concealed Security Systems Connie Mack baseball team on Sunday won the Chief Pontiac National Invitational in Waterford.

Concealed Security won six games during the four-day tournament, including two on Sunday, to improve its overall record to 7-4.

Concealed Security finished fourth last year in the same tournament but earned a shot at this year's title with a 6-3 win over Waukegan, Ill., in Sunday's semifinal round.

Concealed Security scored three runs in the top of the seventh inning to break a 3-3 tie and left-hander Charles Winters (Detroit St. Martin DePorres) pitched out of a bases-loaded jam in the bottom of the inning for the win. Winters was named the Most Valuable Player of the tournament after scattering nine hits, walking three and striking out five.

"Dwight Trammer was in the bullpen warming up, ready to close the door, but we had a lot of faith in Chuck (Winters)," coach Lou Pirronello said. "He was throwing great."

Craig Peterson (Madonna University), another MVP candidate who hit .474 for the tourney, had an RBI double in the first inning and an RBI single in the decisive seventh. Derek Fox drove in two runs in the seventh with a single

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and Cuba Gregory started the rally with a double.

Waukegan took a 3-2 lead with three runs in the third but Matt Green (Farmington Hills and Brother Rice) tied the score in the sixth with a solo home run. Gregory had the other RBI for Concealed, sending Dan Seutcheff home in the second with a sacrifice fly.

The championship game proved anticlimactic as Concealed scored eight runs in the second and bounced Detroit Mexican Industries 13-3.

Chad Zann (Madonna University) was the winning pitcher, allowing seven hits, no walks and striking out five. Fox was 1-for-3 with three RBI. Green had two hits, including a double, and an RBI; Gregory had two RBI, while Winters scored twice and had an RBI.

Concealed plays at 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. today in the Mayor's Invitational at C.O. Brown Stadium in Battle Creek.

Super Senior tennis players love to compete

By DAN O'MEARA
STAFF WRITER

There's no big-dollars paycheck awaiting the winners, but the competition among senior tennis players will be keen nevertheless this weekend at the Detroit Tennis and Squash Club in Farmington Hills.

One hundred and three men from the United States and Canada will compete in the Fourth Annual Silvers Western Super Senior Clay Court Tennis Championships, beginning Thursday and concluding with the finals Sunday.

The seniors will vie for the prestige of Western Tennis Association and USTA rankings in six age groups, starting with 55-year-olds and including some in their 80s. The finals in singles competition start at 10 a.m. Sunday followed by the doubles championships at approximately 12:30 p.m.

"The old guys just want to compete and be treated nicely," said Al Gross, a DTSC member and event organizer who also will compete. "They get nothing

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out of it except a little ego.

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While the quality of play isn't the same as that seen on the pro circuit, the seniors are excellent players for their age and quite serious about such tournaments, according to Gross.

"Some guys are very competitive and have their tops quite a bit, and John McEnroe," he said. "They come here hoping to win."

The Western Super Senior is one of many WTA tournaments but is more

important because it's a championship. Players must compete in four tournaments, one being a championship event, to get a ranking.

The strongest players are found in the youngest (55-59) division, which has 13 entries, but the most competitive will be the 65-69 with 25 participants.

The 80-and-over winner will be decided by a round-robin format instead of the usual step-ladder process since there are only three players.

"One just turned 80, so he'll have an advantage," Gross said.

Herb Hauser of Twinsburg (Ohio), is 85 and ranked No. 1 nationally but will be an underdog to Bill Wendt of Chicago, the one who just reached 80.

"Seven years is a lot to give away," Gross said.

Both will have to contend with 85-year-old Burl Brown of Lawrenceville, Ill.

Gross, who turns 68 in August, is ranked second by the WTA among the 65-69 players but doesn't "have a shot

at winning it. There's a lot of good players out there," he said.

Howie Atwater of Lancaster (Pa.) holds the No. 6 national ranking and is the top seed in that age group. In Silver, owner of the Detroit-based office furniture and supply company sponsoring the event, also plans to participate in 60-64 doubles.

Gross, who played at Wayne State University in the 1940s, is a better player now than when he was younger, however. He can beat opponents whom he couldn't beat then.

"Age is a real equalizer," he said, adding that the world-class players from the 1940s don't compete anymore largely because of that. "I'm not putting them down, but I give a lot of credit to the ones who do. They travel 500 miles to compete in the tournament, and that's competitive spirit."

"I've aged better. I've spent more time with it. I don't know of any other game where you can compete like you can in senior tennis."

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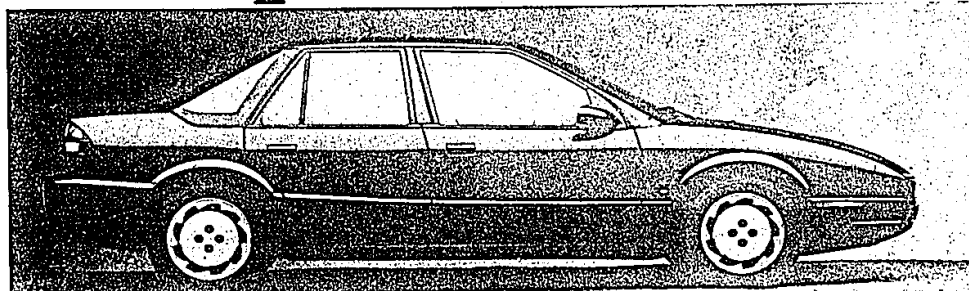
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